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I have many thoughts on the Microsoft Anti Trust Trial. My first thought is that Microsoft has definitely used illegal methods to gain market share. Using this as a base, Microsoft has dominated the market. By allowing Microsoft to continue to dominate the market, we allow Microsoft to reap the benefits of prior illegal methods. The thoughts of allowing Microsoft to further increase their current and future dominance by teaching children (the future users) on their platform is ludicrous. If there is one place that Microsoft can be penalized is by a forced introduction of competitor platforms in school systems. Redhat, a linux based operating system, could be installed in schools across the country. If this were to happen, there would be a shift in future developments on alternative platforms, instead of Microsoft platforms. If we allow Microsoft to go unpunished for their illegal methods, then we have not made the competitors whole. A result of decreased competition is lower quality or less innovation in the marketplace. Microsofts monopoly on the operating system industry has created a slowdown in industry development and large barriers to entry for other innovators.

Please take this into consideration, and do not allow Microsoft to "give" the gift of Microsoft to our children. Microsoft is using the same methodology a low end drug dealer uses to infiltrate high schools.

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